

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF PETROL AND DIESEL BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the private sector refineries are stepping up exports of Petrol, Diesel and Aviation fuel in order to make profits from the Iraq War;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that our reserves are limited and are likely to be soon exhausted; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for encouraging such exports of Petrol and Diesel by private companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Exports of petroleum products by private sector refineries during April '02 to February 2003 as compared to 2001-2002 are given below:

QTY in thousand metric tonnes

Product	2001-02
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	Apr`02	-	Feb.`03
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Petrol	2343	1998
Diesel	2860	2333
Aviation Fuel	194	144

(b) & (c): There is surplus production of Petrol, Diesel and Aviation fuel in the country. Further, as per the extant policy, these products are freely exportable.